

**Trinity United Church, Brandon**  
**“To Grow in Faith, Fellowship, and Service through Christ Jesus.”**

**Official Board Meeting**  
Tuesday December 14th, 2021 @ 7:00pm

**AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome - Jason
- 2) Covenant of Leadership and Prayer - Jason
- 3) Approval of Agenda as presented (amended)
- 4) Approval of Minutes November 9th, 2021
- 5) Correspondence - Jason
- 6) Finance report – Reg
- 7) Ministers report – Doug
- 8) Committee Updates:
  1. CE Report – Lois
  2. Pastoral Care - Darlynnne
  3. M&P – Gloria
    - a. Choir 2022
    - b. Salary increases for Eden and Holly
- 9) Additions to Agenda:
  1. Trust Fund Policy - Alan
  2. Update FundScript Fundraiser – Alan
  3. 2021 Convenor/Committee Reports for Annual Report 2021-Jason
- 10) Covenant of Leadership and closing prayer - Jason

**Next Board Meeting – Tuesday January 11th, 2022 @ 7:00pm**

Trinity United Church Official Board Minutes December 14th, 2021

**Mission: To Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service with Christ Jesus**

**Present:** Jason Splett(Chair), Rev. Doug Neufeld, Miranda Edwards, Darlynn Smith, Connie Haigh, Gloria McMillan, Alan Silvius, Al Friesen, Dave and Irene Thompson, Alison Murray, Lois Riley, and Shirley Kernaghan(Secretary). Murray McMillan and Reg. Atkinson were absent.

**01.** Jason welcomed everyone to our meeting at 7:00pm.

**02.** Jason read the Covenant of Leadership and led us in prayer.

**03. Motion 1: Dave Thompson approved the Agenda as presented. Al Friesen seconded it. CARRIED**

**04. Motion 2: Dave Thompson approved the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes. Seconded by Darlynn Smith. CARRIED**

**05.** There was no correspondence this month. Jason thanked everyone on the Board for the year of 2021. Gloria, Lois, Reg, Dave and Shirley are moving on. They were much appreciated and we will miss them.

**06. Finance Report-** Reg will be available to help Todd who will take over his position as Treasurer. Reg, Eden and Jason will help switch things. Jason and Miranda have signing privileges at the Royal Bank. Todd and Darlynn will need to sign at the bank.

**07. Minister's Report-** Rev. Doug informed us that the tech problems have been resolved and working well. The system was hacked but now is working well. Doug will train a couple of people to take over Carol and Ken Winstone's position while they are away. Eden is a great help as Secretary in the Office. She will handle our Face Book page as well. Reverend Doug informed us that 80-100 people are watching on-line services. There has been a great response from people and they feel comfortable watching the Church Service at home. 60 people are coming for Worship. Rev. Doug feels that we have made a great difference by changing a few things. Miranda suggested that to keep Sunday School going we need to think about things that we can do after the new year. Al Silvius reported that Live Stream has been great. It has been perfect to watch and thanked Doug for all he is doing for us. Rev. Doug informed us that Christmas Eve plans are coming together. Central United Church is for sale and disbanding. We have a connection with Central and they may join us for services. Central is not going to do a Christmas Eve service. Reverend Doug will be taking time off on December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be back on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for our church service.

**8. Committee Updates-**

**1. CE Reports-** Connie and Lois are concerned that children are not coming to Sunday School. Connie and Lois will try classes every other week in January. They are willing to try things to provide Sunday School to our children. They will do a **Plea for Help** for Sunday School and will discuss and engage children to come to Trinity.

**2. Pastoral Care-** Darlynnne would like to have a get together on January 28<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Miranda wanted to know if we could do something special at the end of January as Trinity is 60 years old. We could have cookies, muffins etc. It will be discussed again in January, 2022.

**3. M&P-** Gloria received an e-mail from Barb about the Choir. Could we practise and prepare anthems starting on January 6<sup>th</sup>? There was a \$2000.00 amount allotted to a Music director in the budget. Davis is willing to do this. Three hours per week for Davis in 2022 will amount to \$18.00 an hour. It will increase Holly's hours as well. Al Friesen stated that music is very important and that singing is very important and very meaningful.

**Motion 3: Gloria made the motion for Davis to be hired for three hours a week for nine months as a Music Director. The pay will be \$18.00 an hour. Darlynnne seconded it. CARRIED**

#### **09. Additions to Agenda:**

**1. Trust Fund Policy-** Alan Silvius suggested that it should be changed to a Bequest Fund. The policy needs to be looked at and changed. We need some clear parameters and how to manage it. We have access to this, but it must be tracked. It could be used for Special Projects. The Board needs to decide what to do with this. Miranda suggested to not change anything until the new year in 2022. It will need to be approved by the congregation.

**2. Update FundScript Fundraiser-** Forty-seven households participated in the November fundraiser with a total of \$21,925.00 worth of orders. As a result, Trinity earned \$801.26. Our two gift card fundraisers have earned Trinity \$1714.50. Trinity United will make a request for a payment of our earnings in 2022

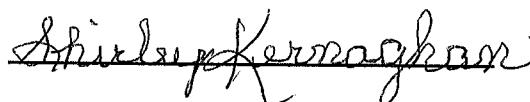
#### **3. 2021 Convenor/Committee Reports for Annual Reports 2021**

Jason asked for reports to be sent in by January 15<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Congregational meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of February which will be February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

It was discussed that Trinity could ask Wawanesa/Forest if they would like to come to Trinity. BA could check to see what they were thinking. Reverend Doug will do some work on this as well. Brandon Hills has decided to close. We could approach Brandon Hills and Forest Church to see if they would come to Trinity. Reverend Doug will discuss this to find out what they will do for Church Services.

**10) Covenant of Leadership and Closing Prayer**-Jason recited our closing prayer and adjourned our meeting at 8:56PM. **Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 11, 2022 @ 7:00pm.**

  
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**(Chair of Trinity United Church Board)**

  
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**Secretary**

**Trinity Board Meeting  
December 14th, 2021  
Pastoral Care Committee Report**

**Baptism**

**Transfers – in**

**Transfers – out**

November 22<sup>nd</sup>      Ralph Heard      Member 364  
Membership given to Ralph.

**Profession of Faith**

**Marriages**

**Deaths at Trinity**

Robert Jarvie      Member 1187

**Death ~ Others**

For 2021; Judy Diswinka, Carolyn Heard, Irene Smith, Mabel Ramsay, Tina Ure  
& I are the Pastoral Care Committee.

- Carolyn continues to keep member/adherent stats.
- Newsletter is out every second week.
- Tina helps with stapling and west end delivery of newsletter.  
to 'non email' folks each time.
- Trinity's member/adherent lists(email/phone/address) are updated as necessary.
- Darlynn sending out acknowledgements for 'in memory' donations.
- There is the Baptism request, again, for Harper Faith Depner.
- The Historic Roll will be updated with the last member deaths in the near future  
& new pages for the electronic roll are prepared in my computer files  
and will be printed in the book, soon!
- We are touching base with Trinity folks.
- There are Christmas plans being made; cards to all senior/care home folks as well as  
at home. Marlane Wilson addressed these cards and dropped off to the  
Personal/Senior homes. Thank you, Marlane!
- Carolyn, Tina & I made cookies for Two Trinity families which will be added to the  
baskets that Outreach prepare. We have also made a basket to another Trinity  
person.
- Are we interested in having any celebration for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year? It will  
be both church & UCW's 60<sup>th</sup>. The church's is officially on January 28<sup>th</sup>. It should  
also be the year of our next directory. Carolyn & I were discussing this. I personally  
feel that the directory should wait a year!

**MOTION:**

**To accept the Pastoral Care report: Moved: Darlynn Smith**

**Seconded:**

*Respectfully Submitted*

*Darlynn Smith ~ Convenor*

Christian Education Report  
December 8, 2021

Curriculum- It was brought to my attention that our curriculum cost is quite high. I recognise that \$700 is very high considering our current numbers, revised Curriculum cost should be around the \$300. After discussion with the current teachers for our young children downstairs it was decided that we could recycle our current curriculum and have Rev Doug send a current lectionary each term. The Senior class however will require a curriculum as for the past 3 years we have only ordered curriculum once and the teachers have been resourcing material on their own. This can be challenging. I am a firm believer that we need to give our teachers adequate resources to work with and this particular curriculum is very easy to follow and prepare lessons from. Looking at alternatives is a "process" and cannot be done quickly for a variety of reasons. I have reached out to our fellow United Church's, Central Currently does not have Sunday School. Knox's CE Convenor has not responded to my request at the time of this report and Twila McNair is contacting someone she knows who has done some research in the past couple of years and will get back to me.

\*Concerns- As you are aware our numbers have been low since we re-opened and we are aware this may take some time. Letters were sent to our families who previously attended outlining our plans for restarting Sunday School. In that letter was an acknowledgement that our current teachers are tired and some of them work full time in our school system and are needing some support/relief from their commitment every Sunday. We are having an urgent meeting to discuss some of the concerns that have arisen and how we can address these concerns. I will report further at the Board meeting December 14.

Respectfully submitted  
Lois Riley Convenor